

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 11

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Well Week Eleven already and how the term has flown. As you can see this is a special end of the term newsletter with lots of photos to highlight the activities and experiences that the children have had access to over the term.

The weather on Sunday was excellent for our 'working bee' and a huge thank you to all of you who came along to help. 70m3 of woodchips to spread sounds like a lot and it was, but as the old saying goes 'many hands make light work'.

Schools in these tough economic times, survive mainly through generous acts. Whether those are people giving up their Sundays to attend working bees or serving on committees or coaching sports teams or going on outings or camps. The fact is that without this help schools would find giving the best to the children that much harder. So thank you to all of you who help us, in whatever capacity your generosity is a true act of Christian kindness.

Have a great week and a happy and safe holiday.

Mike Brosnahan

Room 5 Assembly last week



Year 4 —The Great Escape



This week Melanie Harper is talking all children for Golf Lessons



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

PTA News ...

Entertainment Books Are Due Back

We need all the unsold books back now as they are worth \$50 and we don't want to lose them. Thank you for the positive sales we have had.

School Fair

The Fair this year is the **6th November**—mark it on the calendar!

Throughout the year we will be collecting white elephant items. But as we are starting to collect it this early please only bring along top quality things—or we will run out of room before the end of term 2! So if you have something fantastic feel free to bring it along to school between now and November 6th.

Term One Invoices

If you wish to pay by internet banking or set up an automatic payment the school bank account number is **03 1725 0028136 00**.

The concert on your Term 1 account will be held at the beginning of Term 2.

A thought for the week...

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child."
- Anon

Taieri Rippa Rugby Tournament to be held this Thursday (14th April) has been **cancelled** due to lack of teams entered in the competition from other Taieri schools. Warren Kearney from Otago Rugby says that he will try and organize another tournament in Term 2.

Limerick by Matthew Hall

There once was a musical king,
Who suddenly started to sing,
He liked to sing in the shower,
Hour upon hour upon hour,
He was such a talented King.

Condolences

Please remember in your prayers and thoughts Brianna Smith and her family on the loss of her Grandfather.

Also the family of Rhys, Kayla and Georgia Farr on the loss of their Grandfather.

Looking Ahead Term 1

April

13th Mufti Day—Gold coin donation

14th BOT Meeting 7.30pm

15th Easter Liturgy 2.15pm

May

6th Easter Mass at Holy Cross College 9.15am

12th Parent Meeting for Confirmation 7pm Parish

Mufti Day Tomorrow Wednesday

Money raised will be sent to support Siobhan Burke, a teacher at St Joseph's Oamaru, who, with her builder husband is going to Botswana next term to help build an orphanage. Please give generously to help this very worthy cause. Thank you.

Term Two Staffing

Last year the Board of Trustees granted Mrs Anne Simmons leave for Term Two 2011 to enable her to visit relatives in Scotland. While Mrs Simmons is on leave Ms Rosalie Bennett will be teaching in Room Two. Ms Bennett is a very experienced teacher and taught at St Francis Xavier for a number of years. Most recently she had been teaching in Christchurch. She has taught in our school before as a relieving teacher.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to her early next term.

Mrs Jo Gilliland is moving with her family to Wellington, her teaching duties will be taken over by Mrs Virginia O'Neill.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Simmons bon voyage for her trip and to thank Mrs Gilliland for all of the hard work that she has done at our school and to wish her and her family all the best for the future.

Room 5 Golf Lesson today



Prayer—Sixth Week of Lent

God our loving Father, during this last week of Lent we thank you for your many blessings. We thank you for allowing us to become less centered on self and more open to the needs and concerns of others. Help us now to become more open to life and more eager for living. Help us to prepare ourselves to celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.